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it is impossible to form any correct idea as to its future course. The death percentage is now about half of that in the first few weeks of the epidemic; but, as I have previously reported, I do not think that the percentage at any stage of the epidemic is correct, as the number of cases reported to the authorities is no indication of the number of cases existing. To report a case necessitates fumigation and disinfection of the premises after death or convalescence, and the masses are bitterly opposed to anything that approaches cleanliness. The panicky stage of the epidemic has worn off and the remnant of the population has grown as indifferent to the disease as if it did not exist. Passengers from the interior going to the States by steamer hardly breathe as they pass through here. The shipping is free from fever. The Spanish brigantine previously reported as infected sailed to-day. I could not learn this evening where she was bound; but, as she did not get an American bill of health, I know she will not go to Cuba or the United States. From a letter that I received from Cordoba to-day I learn that there have been 17 cases of yellow fever and 9 deaths since July 1. In June there were 37 cases and 23 deaths, and in May there were 9 cases and 6 deaths. The fever situation in the surrounding country is evidently getting better, as the rumors and reports are not coming in as they did during the past month.

Respectfully, yours,

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NORWAY.

*Quarantine against plague in Egypt and Mauritius.*

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Christiana, June 30, 1899*

SIR: I have the honor to send inclosed 2 copies of an official order relating to quarantine rules against ports infected with the Oriental plague, together with translation of such order.

Respectfully, yours,

HENRY BORDEWICH,

*United States Consul.*

The honorable the ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

[Circular—Translation—From the royal Norwegian justice and police department.]

Under date of 27th instant, a royal decree reading as follows was proclaimed:

CHRISTIANA, *June 29, 1899.*

In connection with royal notice of February 1, 1897, it is hereby announced that in conformity to paragraph 2 of laws relating to quarantine of July 12, 1848, the ports of Egypt and of the Island of Mauritius shall until further notice be considered infected with the Oriental plague, and the regulations in said law contained regarding quarantine against pest are hereby immediately to be put in force.

With which all whom it may concern have to comply.

Which is hereby promulgated, and attention is also directed to the fact that the above-mentioned notice of February 1, 1897, directs that the ports in Arabia, Persia, and India, also the ports in Formosa and the Pescadore Islands in Eastern Asia, shall, until further notice, be considered infected with the Oriental plague.

Notice is also given that quarantine for unloading is at present established at the quarantine station at Odderøen, near Christiansand, only, vide paragraph 8 in laws relating to quarantine of July 12, 1848, and Paragraph II in rules regarding quarantine of February 10, 1849.

L. ESMARCH.